

My name is Margaret Welke and I live in Madison, WI. I am writing to urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Wisconsin greatly depends on imported energy – but it doesn't have to if our state would “see the light” and start investing in and granting tax credits to clean renewables, like wind energy. I pay a premium today to underwrite 100% wind for all of my domestic electrical needs.

Furthermore, the PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year and it creates both blue and white collar jobs. Scaling up wind energy will create exponentially more jobs than oil, gas or coal combined.

Increasing the amount of power that our country gets from clean, homegrown, affordable resources is what I and the majority of Americans want to see happen in this country.

We are frightened, scared, angry and disgusted with the subsidies paid to fossil fuel companies and nuclear energy, which result in enormous loss and devastation like the on-going Fukushima disaster and the BP oil spill, MTR and all its associated ills, fracking and so on.

As a result, I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.